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In Moscow, Soviet Premier Khrushchev and Poland's Premier Gomulka issued a joint communiqué after Gomulka's visit there which singles the United States and West Germany for attack as warmongers and threats to world peace. But the most important portions of the statement have to do with ideological matters and make it clear that Communist Poland is as much a part of the Soviet axis as it ever has been.

The joint statement contained a pledge by both men for uncompromising struggle against so-called revisionism or a relaxation of Soviet Communist policies and principles, and they said that any steps in this direction undermine the fundamental principles of the ideology of Marxist Leninism. The announcement says that Russia has agreed to provide Poland with important assistance in several economic development lines without mentioning specifically what those lines are. The main gist of the whole statement, however, was that Poland is as solidly under the domination of the Kremlin as it has ever been and that any suggestion that the present Polish Government is independent of Moscow and following its own private line is pure fiction.

That, of course, leads our dear State Department out on the end of a very flimsy and uncomfortable limb because it has been contending exactly the opposite. Under its tutelage, the entire propaganda line of the Western world to the iron curtain countries has been to cite Poland along with Yugoslavia as an example of gradual evolution away from Communism. It is on that basis, indeed, that the immigration and naturalization service here in Washington has been following its policy of refusing to grant asylum to escapees from Poland and sending the escapees back to the Communist government. The argument is that Poland is different from the other satellite countries and, being different, must be treated in a different matter. There is no reason, they say, why escapees should want to escape and no reason why they should fear being sent back. We must accept Communist Polish commitments as being legitimate and their promises as being worthy of acceptance.

In fact, at the present time, the State Department is negotiating a new \$100,000,000 loan with this Gomulka government, even while the love feast between Khrushchev and Mr. Gomulka is going on in Moscow. All of which brings the question down to some very pointed and poignant questions. Let's get this very simple now because the State Department seems to be severely confused.

It is safe to assume, I suppose, that our national policy does not include the granting of foreign aid or loans to such Communist satellite nations as Czechoslovakia, or East Germany, or Hungary, or Rumania. It is certainly--that certainly is what the law says insofar as I know--none have ever been granted to those countries thus far. The way Poland gets in on the long picture was through the pretext that the Gomulka government no longer is subservient to Soviet Communism, has broken from it, and that Poland is practicing independent Communism on a similar basis to Tito in Yugoslavia. Thus, Poland is different from the other countries behind the iron curtain and is entitled to more lenient treatment.

Today, no less an authority than Premier Gomulka, himself, says Poland is no different at all. In the course of the statement, he and Khrushchev throw brick bats at Marshal Tito indeed and commit themselves to a continuation of the straight Russian brand of Marxist Leninism. And Gomulka himself says all of this in very flat blunt terms.

If this be true, then, what are we doing negotiating a new loan for Poland and, in the light of these events, will Mr. Dulles order those negotiations called off? And what becomes of the two years of propaganda broadcasting by Radio Free Europe, which has been holding Poland up as a model for the peoples of other countries to follow and weaning themselves away from Moscow Communism in the direction of freedom? All of that is now just a lot of wasted words unless the State Department is going to try to pretend that Gomulka didn't mean what he said in this statement at all today and that, in spite of this, Poland is still different.

Incidentally, speaking of Radio Free Europe, our old friends the Crusade for Freedom, which raises funds to finance Radio Free Europe, has just finished putting on another junket to Europe for some selected leaders of public opinion, as they call them, the junket having been flown to Munich with a side trip to Berlin and stops in Paris and Lisbon, Portugal, on the way home on what they call an inspection tour. Actually its a ten-day free trip, which the Crusade

for Freedom says is not paid for out of Crusade funds, although the trip a year which was handled by Pan-American Airways was paid for by a check on the Crusade for Freedom in the amount of \$28,055. As far as I can see, this is just flat misrepresentation. This time the trip was handled by Dutch KLM.

When I was in Munich recently I went to Radio Free Europe's headquarters there, and was given the spiel that is fed to visitors who are on these junkets, and it is probably the most juvenile performance I have ever witnessed. And this is what happened to these 60 individuals--men and women who went on this inspection tour. There is an original briefing, in a special briefing room complete with a lot of Madison Avenue visual charts and maps and what not, and a scale model of a section of the iron curtain with row after row of barbed wires which, they say, is charged in places with as much as 10,000 volts of electricity. After this there is an explanation of what radio is and where the Radio Free Europe's towers are located and the standard clichés about the money that Russia spends every year jamming its broadcast, all of this being standard stuff which I have exposed repeatedly over this microphone as being totally phoney but they just go on with it all the same.

I have some newspaper clippings from various parts of the country of interviews with people who went along on this particular junket after they got back which provide some idea of just how irresponsible this whole thing is and just how pathetically these junketeers get brainwashed. Here is one from the Milwaukee Sentinel interviewing a man named Arthur S. Ehrmann, the editor of the Eagle, which is described as the national magazine of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I am sure the gentleman is very sincere, his heart is in the right place, his organization is listed as one of the sponsors of the Crusade for Freedom in Radio Free Europe, so he went on the junket. But, if he is correctly quoted, he got one of the greatest brainwashings any man ever had during the course of this trip.

I quote from his article, "Ehrmann said Radio Free Europe has 3,000 employees of various nationalities in Europe along. A key to the job they are doing lies in the fact that monitoring stations take up thousands of blasts from the Reds against the station almost daily.

Just what any such operation could possibly do with 3,000 employees in Europe alone is a considerable mystery and the fact is that the New York headquarters of Radio Free Europe

states officially that its total payroll in Munich, Portugal, New York, and everywhere else is approximately 2,000, which-- I can tell you from personal observations as a professional in the business of radio and metropolitan newspaper editor as far back as 35 years--is a grotesque, ridiculous figure.

The Munich operation is about the equivalent of a small-town newspaper, or perhaps the Washington bureau of some leading nationally known newspaper, such as the Chicago Tribune. It subscribes to the various press associations and has a monitoring operation, which listens in and records the news programs of various stations behind the iron curtain, of which there are only a few. It has a so-called morgue, like any newspaper would or reference library, with a card system for checking out names of people involved in the news. The whole thing could be run with 200 people instead of 3,000, and it would still be two to one over-staffed.

But Mr. Erhmann was very much impressed, as most anybody would be on a superficial sightseeing tour through a radio station operation, particularly, if he hasn't see one before. There are tape machines and people transcribing some of the material that has been taken off the air. There is a total force of 28 people, including stenographers, and various kinds of clerical workers, etc., make up the news room. A staff of 28 all told in the news room. It's a small news room; if I remember correctly, they said that eight of the 28 employees are actual editors and writers. That then is the heart of the Radio Free Europe operation, but, according to the information they fed Mr. Erhmann, it takes 3,000 employees in Europe alone to support those eight writers.

Another person who made the trip was Carl Shimmel, who was interviewed in the Lincoln, Nebraska, State Journal. He said that the number of employees in Munich alone is 2,000. He, too, was much impressed, which is fortunate because he is the Nebraska head of the Crusade for Freedom.